

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ**  
**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

6:15 P.M. March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T-847  
San José, CA 95113

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

- (a) **Call to Order/Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

Members Present

Brandon Alvarado, Chair  
Daniel Filip, Vice Chair  
Diane Solomon  
Gail Seeds  
Scott Broberg  
Richard Coolman  
Emily Schwing  
Timm Borden

City Staff

Ryan Smith, Department of Transportation  
John Brazil, Department of Transportation

Members of the Public

Brooke DuBose, Toole Design Group

Members Absent

George Voon  
Michael Norris

- (b) **Approve Order of Business** – Items under (e)(2) moved to fall after Public Forum; approved 8-0-0.
- (c) **Public Forum** – No public forum.
- (d) **Approve Minutes of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019** – Approved with no changes, 6-0-2.
- (e) **Old Business**

- (1) **VTa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Update** – Chair Alvarado updated SJ BPAC that he has been nominated for Chair of the VTA BPAC.

- (2) **San Jose Bike Plan 2025** – DOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager John Brazil and Toole Design Group Regional Director Brooke DuBose provided the Committee with a status report on the City's Bike Plan update as the City prepares to take the plan to City Council in the summer. A focus of this month's update was the comprehensive low-stress bikeways network in the plan along with the plan's emphasis on rapid implementation.

The Committee provided the following input and asked the following questions:

- Make sure the plan relates to other plans, such as Urban Village plans, the Access and Mobility Plan, and so on;
- Document the planning efforts that led to decisions in the plan, including the specific corridors;
- Safety is the top priority and should come first in the document, even when it is weighted equally with other variables in a given analysis;
- Even though the City plans to stop using sharrows, existing sharrows should be put back into place during street paving projects until the street is ready to become a bike boulevard;
- Look at Vancouver, British Columbia for examples of traffic circles;
- How will the plan get the biggest bang for the buck?
- The plan addresses important areas, including cross-city corridors, Communities of Concern, major thoroughfares, and the Edenvale neighborhood;
- The Vision Zero two-year action plan needs more funding;
- The bike facilities need to be optimized for the right vehicle;
- How does the plan address vehicles that should be in the street but use the bike lane?
- The plan needs to address e-scooters and ebikes in bike lanes and on trails;
- Are the people who need the Bike Plan the most able to speak up?
- Bike Plan outreach needs to build empathy so community members don't just focus on themselves and their own neighborhoods;
- Does the plan use high-demand destination data in determining how to invest?
- The mode share goals in the General Plan and Climate Smart Plan are very ambitious. Does the Bike Plan address how to accomplish this? How were the 15% and 20% determined?
- The plan should aim for 5% by 2025 to be realistic;
- How does the City know who's going to ride?
- Education and encouragement should be in the plan.

The Committee briefly discussed providing a letter of support for the Plan and asked staff to agendize a potential support letter for the April BPAC meeting.

**(f) New Business**

**(1) San Jose Access and Mobility Plan Update and Input** – Item deferred to a future committee meeting.

**(g) Staff Report** – Staff provided information on VTA's Better Bus Stop planning process, including how BPAC members can give input.

**(h) Chairperson's Comments** – Chair Alvarado provided a brief update from the BPC Bylaws Ad-Hoc Committee, including the Committee's goals to create a document that better aligns with BPAC's functions and is more accessible to the public. Alvarado also mentioned that he would be returning to the National Bike Summit this spring.

**(i) Committee Comments** – No comments.

**(j) Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.